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1. Approximately 400 Trudovaks have been laying a concrete surface over the Graf Ignatiev airfield which, when completed, will be approximately three kilometers long and over one kilometer wide. Local residents are not allowed near the field. The presence of Soviet technical personnel is certain, however none have been seen. Buildings and hangars have also been added.
2. The 5 Air Regiment, approximate strength 1,000 men, is stationed at the Plovdiv airfield. Approximately 100 single- and twin-engined light aircraft were observed there in February 1952.
3. A new airfield is being constructed on the outskirts of Chernogorovo village (N4216 E2424) and is already being used by approximately 20 light single-engined monoplane training aircraft. The airfield surface has already been levelled but no concrete runways have been built. An unspecified number of wooden buildings have been erected. The Chernogorovo airfield has replaced the Malko Konare (N4211 E2426) field which is no longer used. Night flying exercises take place regularly and a powerful light beacon or searchlight has frequently been seen in operation.

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